















Martha D. Monk, 88, of Beaumont, died Monday, March 13, 2023, at Harbor Hospice, Beaumont. She was born on August 10, 1934, in Moorefield, West Virginia to Sallie Harrison Douglas and Raymond John Douglas. She earned her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Martha was a loving and loyal mother. Her humor was infectious, and she was always playing practical jokes with her children. She was a devout Christian and insisted that they had this spirituality in their upbringing. She often reflected that her most precious moments were with her family.

She is remembered by her joyful and beaming smile along with her wacky sense of humor that made a lasting impact on her family, friends, fellow teachers, and students. She was known for always affirming others and her positive energy was an inspiration.

As an Elementary teacher Martha loved all her students as much as she loved teaching them. She was both dedicated to their education, while always holding them all to the highest expectations. Her teaching career spanned more than 40 years in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Kingwood, Texas, and finally retiring from Eugene Fields Elementary in Beaumont, Texas.

Martha is survived by her elder brother, Dr. Neil H. Douglas and his wife, Shirley, along with her 3 children; Sallie Sparks and her husband, Jeff, of Beaumont; Dr. Doug Monk and his wife, Erin, of Kerrville; and Stephen Monk of Baytown; her 5 grandchildren, Jacob Sparks, Kaleb Sparks, Matt Monk, Megan Covalt, and Madison Stone; and her 4 great-grandchildren, Paige, Bennett, Jett, and Birdie.

She is preceded in death by her parents and her loving husband of 45 years, Carl Joseph Monk.

The Root of our Family Tree

Martha was a light to so many.

The root of our family tree, now gone, but perpetually loved.

- As a teacher she loved countless children selflessly. She gave her soul to better their lives for forty years.
- As our mother she filled our lives with laughter, love, and a firm hand. Always expecting a Christian approach to life's challenges.
 - As an affirming friend, she lifted others up as part of her being. Her positive energy and beaming smile always empowered others.

- She was the root of our family tree.

She was always providing and nurturing,
always supporting and strengthening,
and always giving stability and security to our lives.

Her soul is free, her mind is at ease, and her body is at rest.

The root of our family tree will never be forgotten and will always be loved.

Gathering of Family & Friends

Friday, March 17, 2023 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Broussard's Beaumont, Texas

Memorial Contributions

Southeast Texas Food Bank 3845 South M.L. King, Jr. Boulevard Beaumont, Texas 77705

Nutrition and Services for Seniors (Meals on Wheels) 4590 Concord Road Beaumont, Texas 77703

